



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Aviation Support Package deploys to Southwest Asia**

**ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D.** – The 28th Bomb Wing is again preparing to deploy to Southwest Asia in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

Nearly 300 Ellsworth Airmen, in various roles, are scheduled to deploy Sunday in support of military operations being conducted in various locations worldwide. The package deploying to support the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing includes aircraft, aircrew, support personnel, maintainers, logistics readiness, and expeditionary combat support Airmen.

The support package ensures the already deployed B-1B Lancers in the theater can continue their mission of providing the theater commander with the critical long-range strike capability unique to the B-1B Lancer and execute the ability to rapidly deliver massive quantities of adversaries anywhere in the world, anywhere in the world, at any time.

Media interested in attending the personnel departure should **RSVP with the 28th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office no later than 4 p.m. (MDT) Jan 26<sup>th</sup> via e-mail at [28bw.pa2@ellsworth.af.mil](mailto:28bw.pa2@ellsworth.af.mil) or call (605) 385-5056. Media should arrive at the Visitor Control Center no later than 2:20 p.m., Sunday, Jan 28th. We will be unable to escort media who does not arrive at the VCC by 2:20 p.m.**

**Public Affairs will assist media in obtaining comments from departing Airmen and their families; however, interviews and comments from deploying Airmen and/or family members is solely at the discretion of the individual(s).**

Media will not be required to watch the entire deployment process and aircraft departure.  
Escorts are available to assist media leaving the installation prior to actual aircraft departure.

**All media need a valid state-issued photo ID and media drivers need proof of insurance and a current registration to enter the installation.** Times are tentative; after hours please call public affairs through the command post at (605) 385-3800 to ensure no changes.